

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: July 20, 2004

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PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman; Cruz Salas, Member; and, John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Work Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Steve Besich led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dixie Mundy delivered the Invocation.

Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board excused Vice-Chairman Christensen from today's meeting in order to represent Gila County at the National Association of Counties Annual Conference being held in Phoenix, Arizona.

At this time each Board member presented a brief summary of current events as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K). No action was taken on any items that were presented. Chairman Sanchez publicly recognized Robert Mawson, Town of Miami Administrator.

Bob Zache, representing the Miami Boomtown Spree Association, Inc., provided a history of the annual Miami Boomtown Spree event and stated that the Board of Supervisors provides funding for the safety and security of this event each year. He thanked the Board for the financial support. Mr. Zache then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Board of Supervisors and a separate Certificate of Appreciation to Chairman Sanchez for his personal

contributions to this annual event. He then presented each Board member with a t-shirt commemorating the Miami Boomtown Spree. Chairman Sanchez and Supervisor Salas thanked Mr. Zache.

Mr. Zache, representing the Pinal Sanitary District, and Mr. Mawson, representing the Town of Miami, addressed the following agenda item regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formally create the Globe-Miami Regional Wastewater Partnership. Mr. Zache advised that for the past 10 years, the Pinal Sanitary District, Cobre Valley Sanitary District, City of Globe, Town of Miami, and Gila County have been working together to forward the development of a regional wastewater partnership. At present the City of Globe operates a municipal wastewater treatment facility, as does the Town of Miami. All other portions of the local community are being served by individual septic systems, or in a few cases, small neighborhood treatment systems. Mr. Mawson advised that through the efforts of this informal group, a technical assistance grant application submitted by the Pinal Sanitary District to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority was approved. The grant provides 65% of the funding necessary to develop a Capital Improvements Plan designed to specify the steps and details of financing and constructing this regional system. In order to guide this Capital Planning Process, and facilitate future opportunities, an MOU was developed to formally create the Globe-Miami Regional Wastewater Partnership. Mr. Mawson advised that this Partnership will consist of a five-member steering committee comprised of one representative of each local government partner, and a technical committee, consisting of representatives of each local government partner and any other interested or invited stakeholder. The MOU is designed as a vehicle to promote and encourage discussions, regional planning, and information sharing. It will not preclude any partner from conducting business or undertaking projects of their own. Mr. Mawson further advised that the MOU is a necessary document to be recognized as a regional partnership when dealing with State and Federal agencies and other public and private entities. He advised that the total

amount of the grant is \$55,500, with a 40% matching requirement. Each Supervisor offered their support for the creation of a regional wastewater system. John Nelson asked Mr. Mawson whether the other 4 agencies have been contacted regarding the MOU. Mr. Mawson replied that thus far the Pinal Sanitary District, Cobre Valley Sanitary District and Town of Miami have entered into this MOU. Mr. Nelson requested that Mr. Mawson supply the Chief Deputy Clerk with a copy of the signed MOUs as soon as possible. Mr. Mawson advised that the Cobre Valley Sanitary District and the Town of Miami have each contributed \$4,000 and the Pinal Sanitary District has contributed \$4,500 toward the cash match requirement. He reiterated that the Pinal Sanitary District is the applying agency for this grant and, as such, the Pinal Sanitary District has the option to exercise the grant no matter how many agencies are involved. Chairman Sanchez called for comments from Terry Smith, Deputy Director of the Community Development Division/Planning and Zoning Manager, and David Fletcher, Health and Human Services Division Director. Mr. Smith and Mr. Fletcher each support the regional wastewater system concept and offered any assistance needed to this project. Steve Besich, Deputy County Manager, advised that approximately 3 to 4 years ago, the Gila County Industrial Development Authority invested approximately \$45,000 with other entities investing \$15,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a regional wastewater system. The feasibility study was conducted by Coe & Van Loo, an engineering consulting firm. Mr. Besich inquired if the approach is to “build on” the Coe & Van Loo Study? Mr. Mawson replied that further engineering studies would not be needed. He stated that the next phase will be for the steering committee to develop a scope of work. Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Zache and Mr. Mawson for the presentation and advised of the importance to inform and involve the public regarding this initiative.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk